

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness has stated that his life is guided by three major commitments: the promotion of basic human values or secular ethics in the interest of human happiness, the fostering of inter-religious harmony, and the preservation of Tibet's Buddhist culture, a culture of peace and non-violence; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness the Dalai Lama travels the world sharing his wisdom, and his message of tolerance, kindness, and peace for all; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness the Dalai Lama will celebrate his 80th birthday on July 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, I join people around the world in honoring the Dalai Lama and conveying my best wishes on the occasion of his 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, I support continued dialogue between the Tibetans and the Chinese with hopes for a peaceful future for the people of Tibet and China;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA

on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 24th day of June A.D. 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor